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TO : Director

DATE: 3/14/79

FROM : Legal Counsel

SUBJECT: FOI BRIEFING FOR CONGRESSIONAL STAFFERS

PURPOSE: To advise of numerous requests by Congressional staff members for briefing on the Bureau's FOIA problems.

DETAILS: By letter dated 3/2/79, Robert McClory, Illinois (attached), offered his assistance concerning FOI. Attached to your response to him dated 3/13/79 (attached), you instructed "to coordinate a response with our people who are sitting on the task force." We have contacted Congressman McClory's staff and advised them that a briefing will be arranged for Thursday, 3/15/79 at 3:00 p.m. Two other staff members from the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, Bill Leece and [redacted], have inquired about the same briefing.

The Senate Judiciary Committee has requested a similar briefing for the following staffers: Bob McNamara, [redacted], and [redacted]. Senate Intelligence requested the same briefing for representatives of Senator Bayh and Senator Biden.

House Judiciary has requested the same briefing for [redacted]. Two other committees, Governmental Affairs in the Senate and Government Operations in the House are expected to send representatives.

[redacted] Unit Chief, FOIPA branch, has been contacted and arrangements have been made for the branch to provide a briefing to the above staff members on Thursday, 3/15/79, in which the FBI's operations concerning FOIA will be discussed as well as problems. It is thought that a number of the issues discussed by you at your appearance on 2/28/79 before the Subcommittee on Government Information and Individual Rights will be discussed.

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1 - Mr. Adams 1 - Mr. McDermott 1 - Mr. [redacted]  
 1 - Mr. Steel 1 - Mr. Miller 1 - Mr. [redacted]  
 1 - Mr. Bassett, Attn: Mr. Bresson 1 - Mr. McCarthy

Mrs. Moschella

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Memorandum Legal Counsel to Director  
Re: FOI BRIEFING FOR CONGRESSIONAL STAFFERS

RECOMMENDATIONS:

(1) That the above briefing be approved.

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APPROVED: *WJH*

Director \_\_\_\_\_  
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(2) That Legal Liaison/Congressional Affairs Unit  
coordinate with Records Management Division and the above staffers,  
the meeting for Thursday, 3/15/79.

*ER*

APPROVED: *WJH*

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Mr. Adams \_\_\_\_\_ (✓)  
Mr. McDermott \_\_\_\_\_ ( )  
Mr. Bassett \_\_\_\_\_ (✓)  
Mr. Cochran \_\_\_\_\_ ( )  
Mr. Colwell \_\_\_\_\_ ( )  
Mr. Cregar \_\_\_\_\_ ( )  
Mr. Joseph \_\_\_\_\_ ( )  
Mr. Kelleher \_\_\_\_\_ ( )  
Mr. Kent \_\_\_\_\_ ( )  
Mr. Long \_\_\_\_\_ ( )  
Mr. Mintz \_\_\_\_\_ (✓)  
Mr. Moore \_\_\_\_\_ ( )  
Mr. Boynton \_\_\_\_\_ ( )  
Mr. Bruemmer \_\_\_\_\_ ( )  
Mr. Hotis \_\_\_\_\_ ( )  
Mr. Howes \_\_\_\_\_ ( )  
Mr. Steel \_\_\_\_\_ (✓)  
Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_ ( )  
Miss Devine \_\_\_\_\_ ( )

See Me \_\_\_\_\_ ( )  
Note and return \_\_\_\_\_ ( )  
Prepare reply and return for my signature \_\_\_\_\_ ( )  
Prepare reply over my signature and send \_\_\_\_\_ ( )  
Respond over your signature \_\_\_\_\_ ( )  
Prepare memo for the Department \_\_\_\_\_ ( )  
For your recommendation \_\_\_\_\_ ( )  
What are the facts? \_\_\_\_\_ ( )  
Hold \_\_\_\_\_ ( )

Remarks:



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**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
Washington, D.C. 20515

March 2, 1979

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FBI/DOJ

Honorable William J. Webster, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
J. Edgar Hoover Building  
Washington, D. C. 20535

Dear Judge Webster:

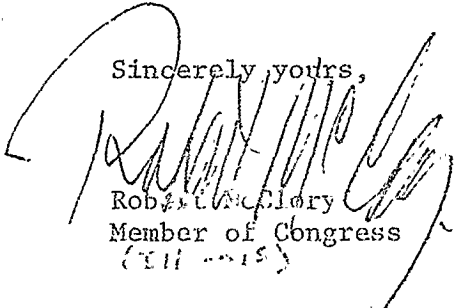
I am writing in regard to the impact of the Freedom of Information Act and the Privacy Act (FOI/PA) on the operations of the FBI.

I share the concerns on this matter which you have expressed throughout your first year in office and am strongly desirous of working with you to have enacted legislation to remedy this troubling situation. One specific suggestion you have made in which I am particularly interested regards permitting only those FBI records which are more than a certain number of years old.

I would appreciate you sharing with me any proposals that you feel the Congress should consider in a review of the FOI/PA. Perhaps one productive route might be to take up such consideration during the authorization process in the Judiciary Committee.

The criticisms of the FOI/PA which you raise are certainly quite reasonable and it is my sincere hope that the Congress will respond with definite actions in the near future.

Sincerely yours,

  
Robert McClory  
Member of Congress  
(Illinois)

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March 13, 1979

1 - Mr. Bassett - Enc.  
② - Mr. Mintz - Enc.  
Atten: Mr. Moschella  
1 - Mr. Steel - Enc.  
1 - Mr. Bresson - Enc.  
1 - Mr. Ross - Enc.  
1 - Mr. Miller - Enc.

Honorable Robert McClory  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Congressman McClory:

Thank you for your letter of March 2nd in which you expressed an interest in the impact of the Freedom of Information Act and the Privacy Act on the operations of the FBI. It is encouraging to know you share my concerns on this matter.

If you have no objection, a member of my staff will arrange to meet with you or a member of your staff to discuss this legislation.

Thank you again for your letter.

Sincerely yours,

William H. Webster  
Director

NOTE: Office of Congressional Affairs, Legal Counsel Division, will hand deliver this letter and arrange for a meeting to be held in the immediate future.

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